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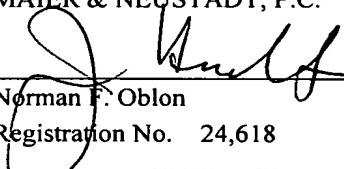
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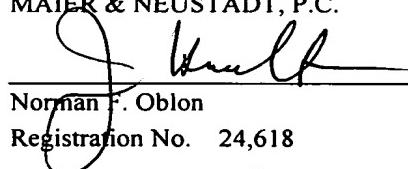
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STATEMENT OF RELEVANCY

References AO (EP 0 445 578), AQ (WO 97/31036) and

AR (DE 199 49 592) on Form PTO- 1449:

These references are discussed in the specification.

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	AB	5,763,524	06/09/98	Charles Thomas ARKENS, et al.			
	AC	6,221,973	04/24/01	Charles Thomas ARKENS, et al.			
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	AP	0 583 086	02/16/94	Europe (Corresponding U.S. Patent 5,661,213, 5,763,524, 6,221,973, 6,136,916)			
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